UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT EUGENE DISTRICT OFFICE

DECISION RECORD DOCUMENTATION and FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT Long Tom Watershed Transportation Management Plan Implementation

Environmental Assessment No. OR090-EA-01-09

FONSI:

On the basis of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment, and all other information available to me, it is my determination that implementation of the proposed action or alternatives will not have significant environmental impacts beyond those already addressed in the Record of Decision (ROD) for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994), and the Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (June 1995) as amended by the Record of Decision for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidlines, (January 2001), with which this EA is in conformance, and does not constitute a major federal action having a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement or a supplement to the existing environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared.

Decision:

Based on the analysis documented in the Environmental Assessment (EA) OR090-01-09 and the Finding of No Significant Impact it is my decision to select the proposed action. Implementation of this action will result in the closure of approximately 50 miles of BLM controlled roads within this watershed to vehicle traffic, provided they are not required for resource management.

Decision Rationale:

The proposed action is tiered to and is in compliance with the <u>Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, April 1994, and the <u>Eugene District Record of Decision (ROD)/Resource Management Plan (RMP), June 1995 as amended by the Record of Decision for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and <u>Guidlines, (January 2001).</u> The Proposed Action will contribute to the attainment of Aquatic Conservation Strategy objectives and reduce the need for routine road maintenance.</u></u>

Consultation and Coordination:

Formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has been conducted for Fiscal Year 2001 and it was determined these actions would "May Affect, but not likely to Adversely Affect" the spotted owl and the marbled murrelet due to potential audio disturbances to these birds during the latter part of the nesting period. There is "No Affect" to any other Federally listed or proposed species.

Public Comments:

Both the EA and preliminary FONSI were advertised on July 11, 2001, as available for a 15-day public review period in the Eugene Register-Guard. Copies of the EA and preliminary FONSI were mailed to interested individuals on our mailing list. Three comment letters were received; responses have been sent to all commentors.

Signed By J.O.I. Williams, Coast Range Field Manager, on July 31, 2001